

SC98: 10th ANNIVERSARY

HIGH PERFORMANCE NETWORKING AND COMPUTING CONFERENCE

SC98: High Performance Networking and Computing will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, USA, November 7 - 13, 1998. SC98 continues the tradition of previous conferences, focusing on networking, distributed computing, data-intensive applications, supercomputing, scalable computing and other emerging technologies that push the frontiers of communications, computing and computational science. SC98 returns to the city of the first conference to celebrate the tenth anniversary in this series, sponsored by IEEE Computer Society and ACM SIGARCH.

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WELCOME TO SUPERCOMP.ORG/SC98

Anniversaries always afford us the opportunity to look back and recall where we were so many years ago and consider our own progress.

What computers were you using 10 years ago? Are any of them in the Smithsonian exhibit on "Information Age: People, Information, and Technology"? How much faster, stronger, and better is the hardware and software you're using today? What HPC companies have folded and unfolded in the past decade?

SC98, the 10-year anniversary of this conference, includes several perspectives on our collective past. Don't miss the History of the Conference Exhibit (booth 110), showcasing the issues, statistics and major announcements from past conferences. And on Friday morning take part in the panel session on the past and future 10 years in HPC, chaired by Al Brenner of the Institute for Defense Analyses.

Also this year, we consider the things that have brought us all together as a community: pursuit of teraflops—and now petaflops—technology, the ebb and flow of agency support for HPC and networking, the tremendous increase in public interest and use in computing resources that dwarf what was available to leading researchers just 10 years go, and this conference, which has established itself as the pulse of our industry and the nexus for discussions about achievements and future goals.

We welcome you to Orlando and to the continued discussions of our accomplishments and goals for HPCC.

Dennis Duke, **SC98 Chair**

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THE PROGRAM

TUTORIALS [Abstracts]

Tutorials at a Glance

email: tutorials98@mail.supercomp.org

Tutorials run for two days, Sunday and Monday, and consist of 12 full-day and 8 half-day sessions. Leaders in high performance networking and computing will cover a broad range of topics such as parallel and distributed computing, collaborative technologies, network architectures, operating systems, compiler technology, algorithms and numerical methods, program development tools, data mining and storage access systems. Attendees must register separately for tutorials (see [conference registration](#) for more details) and can receive a one- or two-day passport. Attendees with passports may attend any tutorials offered on one or both days, a tutorials lunch and receive tutorials notes. Please refer to [Tutorials](#) for tutorial descriptions.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Technical Papers [Abstracts]

Technical Program at a Glance

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The SC98 technical program, presented Tuesday through Friday, includes plenary and parallel sessions. These talks have been organized to ensure that topics of interest to a wide range of audiences are available during these times. The parallel tracks are divided into two components:

- Presentations by authors of contributed papers. These represent the best papers submitted to the conference. Each paper has been through a competitive peer review process and has been selected as an outstanding contribution. There will be 54 technical papers presented at SC98.
- Presentations on general-interest topics in a variety of areas. Sessions will include invited talks as well as engaging panel discussions.

See [Technical Program at a Glance](#) for the schedule of talks and panel discussions.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS, CHALLENGES-OF-THE-FIELD TALKS AND INVITED TALKS

Don't miss the keynote address by Bran Ferren of Walt Disney Imagineering, challenges-of-the-field talks and invited talks from academic and industry leaders in pioneers.

PANEL SESSIONS [Abstracts]

Hear different views and perspectives from panelists who are well known in their fields.

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For the first time we will deliver the education program to other sites using IP technology. Using the new standards-based video, we will connect Orlando with sites in Illinois, Iowa and North Carolina via the vBNS and state networks. Sessions will be led from Orlando, site of SC98, and from other states using multi-way video conferencing to involve all participants.

K-12 teachers should register for SC98 using the conference registration [form](#).

AWARDS SESSION

The awards session will consist of two parts. At the first session, the winners of the Best Paper Award, [Best Student Paper Award](#), the Sid Fernbach Award, the Gordon Bell Award and the HPC Challenge will be presented. The session will also include a Gordon Bell lecture on Seymour Cray. Following this, the winners of the Fernbach Award and the Gordon Bell finalists will give presentations on their work.

RESEARCH EXHIBITS

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Resource intensive computational science, scientific collaboration and leading edge technologies characterize the SC98 Research Exhibits. They exchange and present new and innovative research efforts and results best suited to live interchange and demonstration. The research exhibits from the world's research universities, centers and laboratories promote interaction and discussion among the presenters and conferees. High performance network links are used for dynamically presenting research that involves distributed collaborating sites or for linking to remote resources or special facilities.

The Research Exhibit area is adjacent to the industry exhibits and is staffed by booth representatives during all announced exhibition hours, beginning with the Monday evening Gala Opening.

POSTER EXHIBITS

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Poster exhibits report results and experiences on topics related to high performance networking and computing. These exhibits offer researchers an opportunity to present their results informally and to interact

with the audience. The poster exhibits will be located immediately inside the entrance to Exhibit Hall A2 on the 800 aisle.

INDUSTRY EXHIBITS

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Complementing the SC98 technical program are the industry exhibits, which feature industry leaders in high performance networking and computing and associated software, visualization tools and services. The 183,000 square-foot exhibit hall will open with a gala reception on Monday, November 9. The exhibition will then open for technical program attendees Tuesday, November 10 through Thursday, November 12.

HISTORY EXHIBIT [Booth 110]

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the conference, SC98 will present an exhibit showcasing scenes, issues and statistics of past conferences and will highlight the important high performance computing milestones that occurred in each year. This will include important announcements of new commercial products (hardware and software), achievements in performance level and the unfolding and folding of important companies. Modules from important computers in use during this ten-year period, demonstrating changes in technology, will also be on display.

SCINET98 [Booth 360]

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SCinet98 will work with Federal agencies, the private sector, and the National Coordination Office for Computing, Information, and Communications, to provide SC98 connectivity to such federal high performance networks as NSF's vBNS, NASA's NREN, the multiagency ATDnet, DoD's DREN, and DOE's ESnet, as well as private sector networks. These networks will be used in part to demonstrate Next Generation Internet technologies and applications.

HPC CHALLENGE

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The SC98 High Performance Computing Challenge (HPC Challenge) provides an opportunity for researchers to show off their innovative ideas. Participants will have two sessions to present their latest on-the-edge work to a panel of judges who represent industry, universities and government laboratories. Groups will be asked to give a poster presentation at the Gala Opening on Monday night and a 20-minute demonstration to the judging panel on Wednesday. Awards will be presented to the winners on Thursday afternoon at the Awards Session.

BIRDS-OF-A-FEATHER

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Birds-of-a-Feather sessions, commonly referred to as BOFs, are informal get-togethers for conference attendees to discuss topics of mutual interest. Meeting room facilities are provided at the convention center, and a BOF notice board will publicize the meeting schedule.

New this year is an informal gathering of marketing/communications folks, scheduled for Sunday, 5-7PM. Discussion topics include advocating for research; science communications; working with national media; visualization and web-based communications. Location TBA.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS REPORTS

With increasing frequency, invitation-only workshops are being used as an approach to make quick progress on focused R&D topics, identifying short-term needs, as well as long-term research agendas. Given the importance of some of these meetings, we present an opportunity for SC98 attendees to hear reports and results from selected workshops. Many of these reports will have follow-up information available in the research exhibit area.

EXHIBITOR FORUM

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The exhibitor forum provides industry exhibitors the opportunity to showcase recent breakthroughs in research and development and to discuss new application areas, new directions and new technologies in areas related to high performance networking and computing.

Presentations will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 6pm but will not be presented during the keynote address and the Challenges-of-the-field talks.

TOWN HALL MEETING with the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC)

Tuesday, November 10

5:00PM - 6:30PM

Room 110A

Moderators: Bill Joy, Sun Microsystems

Ken Kennedy, Center for Research on Parallel Computation and Rice University

Panelists: Advisory Committee members

In February 1997, President Clinton established the Information Technology Advisory Committee, formerly the Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology and the Next Generation Internet. In August 1998 the Committee released an Interim Report whose principal findings are that Federal information technology (IT) research and development (R&D) is inadequate and too heavily focused on near-term problems. The report recommends four research priorities: software, scalable information infrastructure, high-end computing, and socio-economic and workforce impacts. The report also

addresses modes of research support and management of Federal IT research. The panelists will summarize the report and will discuss the comments they've received since its release and their plans for the final report. The Committee will answer questions provided in advance, followed by an open mike session for questions from the floor. The Interim Report and further information about the PITAC can be found at [HYPERLINK http://www.ccic.gov/ac/](http://www.ccic.gov/ac/)

TOWN HALL MEETING on SC Conferences

Thursday, November 12

10:30AM- 12:00NN

Room 101A

Moderator: Dona Crawford, Sandia National Laboratories, SCxy Steering Committee

Attendees will have the chance to interact with committee members from SC98, SC99, SC2000, and SCxy (the SC conference series' steering committee), discuss this year's conference, and make suggestions for future years' conferences. This is also the ideal opportunity for attendees to express their interest in serving on one of the conference's diverse committees. Plan to attend and make your voice heard.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Kicking off SC98 will be the traditional gala opening reception on Monday, November 9, 7-9 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet exhibitors and preview recent hardware/software developments in high performance networking and computing. The conference reception will be held on Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm-10 pm at Universal Studios theme park. This will include dinner and entertainment.

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Technical Papers Abstracts:

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INVITED TALKS

Abstract titles and authors for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are provided below.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:30-12:00 am

PARALLEL I/O**A Case for Using MPI's Derived Datatypes to Improve I/O Performance**

Rajeev S. Thakur, Argonne National Laboratory

TFLOPS PFS: Architecture and Design of a Highly Efficient Parallel File System

Sharad Garg, Intel Corporation

PDS/PIO: Lightweight Libraries for Collective Parallel I/O

Judy E. Sturtevant, Sandia National Laboratory

MULTITHREADED ARCHITECTURES/COMPUTING**Multi-processor Performance on the Tera MTA**

Allan E. Snively, San Diego Supercomputer Center

An Initial Evaluation of the Tera Multithreaded Architecture and Programming System Using the C3I Parallel Benchmark Suite

Sharon M. Brunett, California Institute of Technology

A Hierarchical Load-Balancing Framework for Dynamic Multithreaded Computations

Vijay Karamcheti, New York University

PHYSICS & ENGINEERING**The UCLA AGCM in High Performance Computing Environments**

Carlos R. Mechoso, UCLA

Adaptive Parallel Computation of a Grand-Challenge Problem: Prediction of the Path of a Solar-Corona Mass Ejection

Quentin F. Stout, University of Michigan

High-Performance Simulation of Internal Combustion Engines

Andreas Werner, High Performance Computing Center (Stuttgart)

1:30-3:00 pm

ADVANCED COMPILER TECHNIQUES

Efficient Algorithms for Block-Cyclic Array Redistribution between Processor Sets

Neungsoo Park, USC

High Performance Fortran Compilation Techniques for Parallelizing Scientific Codes

Vikram S. Adve, Rice University

Techniques for Speculative Run-Time Parallelization of Loops

Manish Gupta, IBM T. J. Watson Research Center

ENVIRONMENTS & MIDDLEWARE FOR APPLICATIONS

A Parallel Linear Algebra Server for MATLAB-like Environments

Greg Morrow, University of Texas at Austin

OVERTURE: An Object-Oriented Framework for High-Performance Scientific Computing

Federico Basseti, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Agent Middleware for Heterogeneous Scientific Simulations

Shirun Ho, Real World Computing Partnership

3:30-5:00 pm

NETWORKS

Implementation and Analysis of the Virtual Interface Architecture

Philip Buonadonna, University of California, Berkeley

MPI-StarT: Delivering Network Performance to Numerical Applications

Parry J. Husbands, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

User-Space Communication: A Quantitative Study

Angelos Bilas, Princeton University

DISCRETE ALGORITHMS

Analyzing the Error Bounds of Multipole-Based Treecodes

Vivek Sarin, Purdue University

Efficient Selection Algorithms on Distributed Memory Computers

Einar L. G. Saukas, University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)

High Performance Multidimensional Analysis and Data Mining

Sanjay Goil, Northwestern University

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 11

10:30-12:00 am

COLLABORATIVE COMPUTING

A Prototype Notebook-Based Environment for Computational Tools

Jenifer Skidmore, University of Oregon

CCF: Collaborative Computing Frameworks

Vaidy Sunderam, Emory University

A Collaborative Framework for Distributed Microscopy

B. Parvin, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

CACHE COHERENCE

Optimizing Software Cache-Coherent Cluster Architectures

Xiaohan Qin, IBM T. J. Watson Research Center

StarT-Voyager: Exploring Scalable SMP Issues

Boon S. Ang, MIT

Reducing Coherence Overhead of Barrier Synchronization in Software DSMs

Jae Bum Lee, Seoul National University

GRAPH PARTITIONING APPLICATIONS

Multilevel Algorithms for Multi-Constraint Graph Partitioning

George Karypis, University of Minnesota

Dynamic Repartitioning of Adaptively Refined Meshes

Kirk A. Schloegel, University of Minnesota

S-HARP: A Parallel Dynamic Spectral Partitioner

Andrew Sohn, New Jersey Institute of Technology

1:30-3:00 pm

RUN TIME SYSTEMS

Pthreads for Dynamic and Irregular Parallelism

Girija J. Narlikar, Carnegie Mellon University

OpenMP on Networks of Workstations

Honghui Lu, Rice University

Communication Overlap in Multi-Tier Parallel Algorithms

Scott B. Baden, UCSD

SYSTEMS

Making Sparse Gaussian Elimination Scalable by Static Pivoting

Xiaoye Sherry Li, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

A New Lanczos Method for Electronic Structure Simulation

Kesheng Wu, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

Tuning Strassen's Matrix Multiplication for Memory Efficiency

Mithuna S. Thottethodi, Duke University

3:30-5:00 pm

TOOLS

Supporting Runtime Tool Interaction for Parallel Simulations

Christopher W. Harrop, University of Oregon

Automatically Tuned Linear Algebra Software

R. Clint Whaley, University of Tennessee

A Comparison of Automatic Parallelization Tools/Compilers on the SGI Origin 2000

Michael Frumkin, NASA

BIOLOGICAL & MEDICAL APPLICATIONS

The Large Scale Parallelization of a Conformational 3D Protein Structure Prediction Application

Philip F. LoCasio, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

An out-of-core Implementation of the Massively Parallel Multireference Configuration Interaction Program

Holger Dachsel, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Real-Time Image Segmentation for Image-Guided Surgery

Simon K Warfield, Brigham and Women's Hospital

SCHEDULING

Highly Efficient Gang Scheduling Implementation

Atshushi Hori, Real World Computing Partnership

The Penn State Computing Condominium Scheduling System

Vijay K. Agarwala, The Penn State University

Fine-Grain Cycle Stealing for Networks of Workstations

Kyung D. Ryu, University of Maryland

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:30-12:00 am

METACOMPUTING

A Grid-Enabled MPI: Message Passing in Heterogeneous Distributed Computing Systems

Ian Foster, Argonne National Laboratory

A Scalable and Highly Available System for Serving Dynamic Data at Frequently Accessed Web Sites

Jim R. Challenger, IBM TJ Watson Research Center

WebFlow - High-Level Programming Environment and Visual Authoring Toolkit for High Performance Distributed Computing

Erol Akarsu, Syracuse University

SYSTEMS

Measurement of a Scientific Workload Using the IBM Hardware Performance Monitor

Robert J. Bergeron, NASA

An Infrastructure for Efficient Parallel Job Execution in Terascale Computing Environments

Jose E. Moreira, IBM

Scaling of Beowulf-class Distributed Systems

John K. Salmon, California Institute of Technology

3:30-5:00 pm

NUMERICAL ALGORITHMS

Integration of Application Design, Parallelization and Performance Evaluation

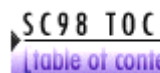
Michela Taufer, Laboratory for Computer Systems

A Parallel Rendezvous Algorithm for Interpolation Between Multiple Grids

Steve Plimpton, Sandia National Laboratory

Application of a High Performance Parallel Eigensolver to Electronic Structure Calculations

Mark P. Sears, Sandia National Laboratory



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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education Program at a Glance

email: education98@mail.supercomp.org

November 8-12, 1998

Orlando, Florida

SC98 home page: <http://supercomp.org/sc98/>

Education Program Daily Schedules

To view the daily schedules of hands-on sessions, papers, panels, posters and demos, please visit the following links:

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Those eligible to apply for travel and conference registration support are a) middle or high school teachers in math, science, computer science or b) university faculty members whose primary responsibility is K-12 teacher education (with particular emphasis on faculty from the Department of Education) when submitting a joint application with a middle or high school teacher. Teachers who have previously attended are strongly encouraged to file a joint application for support. Preference for support will be given to new attendees and attendees filing joint applications (i.e. partnering between a teacher and a faculty member who teaches classes for undergraduates majoring in education.

Applications for travel and registration support will be due September 10, 1998. Please fill out the form at <http://www.scd.ucar.edu/tmp/sc98ta/> We will inform applicants by October 1, 1998 via email.

All K-12 teachers must register for SC98 using the online conference registration at the \$200 rate. Most of the Education Program participants will be housed in the Clarion Hotel. Other educators may request the Clarion but are not guaranteed a room at the Clarion. Unsupported teachers must make their own hotel reservations using the online [Conference Housing Registration Form](#). The deadline for housing reservations are October 2, but attendees should make a housing reservation earlier for the best choices.

If you are approved for registration support we will email you instructions on how to registration and obtain a hotel room at the Clarion.

Questions on the Education Program or housing or registration for teachers may be directed to education98@mail.supercomp.org.

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Exhibition Hours

Tuesday	November 10	10 am - 6 pm
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Thursday	November 12	10 am - 4 pm

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Located in Halls A-1 and A-2 (183,000 square feet) of the convention center, the exhibition will open with a Gala Opening for technical program attendees on Monday, November 9, from 7pm - 9pm (others may purchase tickets on site). After the opening, exhibition hours will be from 10am - 6pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 10am - 4pm on Thursday.

Research Exhibits

<http://www.supercomp.org./exhibits/research.html>

Conference participants can see working demonstrations of research projects by visiting the research exhibit on the main exhibit floor. These exhibits are, in general, interactive, and enable participants to have one-on-one discussions with the developers.

List of Research Exhibits**Poster Exhibits**

<http://www.supercomp.org./exhibits/poster.html>

SC98 participants will be able to see and discuss late-breaking results with the authors in an informal atmosphere.

Industry Exhibits / Exhibitor Prospectus

<http://www.supercomp.org./exhibits/industry.html>

Exhibits featuring leaders in the industry in high-performance computing and associated software, visualization tools and services will be on display at SC98.

List of Exhibitors**SC98 Exhibit Floor**

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SC99 Call for Participation

Information for All Contributors

- Submission information: www.sc99.org/submissions
- Proposals must be prepared in HTML and submitted via the Web.
- Details available on the Web.

Dates to Remember

- April 30, 1999
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Visiting Portland

The SCing conference is returning to Portland in 1999 due to the city-wide support and success of SC93. Attendees will find world-class dining and performing arts, snow-capped mountains, recreational activities in thousands of acres of parks, sidewalks paved with famous quotes, a bevy of brews served up by local microbreweries and specialty coffee shops, and the largest bookstore in the United States. Portland's arts and entertainment range from chamber music concerts to clubs featuring jazz, blues, and alternative rock 'n' roll, making Portland live up to its newest nickname, "Hip City." Also known as the "City of Roses," Portland is home to the International Rose Test Garden, where more than 500 varieties of roses bloom.

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systems, system interconnection networks, high-performance I/O, programming environments and tools, performance measurement and analysis, parallel databases, visualization, distributed collaborations, parallel and distributed algorithms, digital libraries, and data mining.

The technical paper committee will review extended abstracts (3,500 words) and select papers of exceptional originality, timeliness, relevance, and clarity. Each selected paper will be published in full form in the SC99 Proceedings and presented by its author during the conference.

Submissions must include a descriptive abstract (150 words, max.), contact information for the authors, the designation "student paper" if the principal author is a student, and a 3,500-word summary of the proposed paper.

Special Awards: \$1,000 will be awarded for the paper selected by the technical papers committee as "best paper of conference," and an award of \$500 will be made for the best paper with a student as principal author. These will be announced at the SC99 Awards Session.

Deadline for submission (extended abstracts): April 30, 1999

Notification of acceptance: June 18, 1999

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The tutorials program will cover a broad range of topics related to the theory and practice of high performance networking and computing, including parallel and distributed computing, scalable architectures, scientific visualization, network technology, operating systems, compiler technology, algorithms and numerical methods, program development tools, performance measurement and analysis, data mining, storage access systems, Web/video servers, and collaborative technologies.

Tutorials may be proposed for either a full day (six hours) or half day (three hours), but should be designed to appeal to a significant portion of SC99 attendees.

Proposals must include a descriptive abstract (200 words, max.), contact information for the presenter, a breakdown of the level of presentation (total of 100%, subdivided into % introductory, % intermediate, and % advanced), brief description of the tutorial material and intended audience, lecture outline/schedule (3 hours for half-day, 6 hours for full-day), samples of visual materials to be used, short vita of the instructor, and three references.

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The research exhibit area will be adjacent to the industry exhibits. Research exhibitors are expected to staff their exhibits during all announced exhibition hours.

Research exhibits will be selected through committee review. Multimedia proposals suitable for Web access are encouraged. They must include a descriptive abstract (150 words, max.), contact information, desired network connections and space requirements, and a brief description of the research to be presented and equipment that will be used.

Deadline for submission: August 6, 1999
Notification of acceptance: September 3, 1999

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Poster Exhibits

Poster presentations at SC99 will describe results and experiences related to high performance networking and computing. They offer researchers an opportunity to present their results informally and to interact with conference attendees. To maximize attendee participation, the poster area will be adjacent to the research exhibits. Exhibitors are expected to staff their exhibits during scheduled poster sessions.

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HPC Games

The HPC Challenge has been one of the most popular events at past SC conferences. This tradition continues in the HPC (Fun and) Games, a contest to test the mettle of high performance computing teams everywhere.

Entries are solicited for demonstrations of virtuosity in high performance computation. Each entry must outline its approach to solving a well-defined problem, and describe the hardware and software to be used. Each entrant will then be given one hour at SC99 to solve their problem-live--and describe their computation to the audience. At the conference, a panel of judges will rate entries in three categories:

1. Speed: Number of useful operations performed divided by time taken. (Judges will make the final determination as to whether claimed operations are useful.)
2. Distance: Greatest distance between processors used. (For distributed systems, the great-circle distance between the cities housing the machines will be used.)
3. Style: Audience appreciation of the presentation. (The decision of the applause meter will be final.)

Deadline for entry: August 6, 1999

Notification of acceptance: September. 3, 1999

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Birds-of-a-Feather (BOF) Sessions

BOFs are informal evening get-togethers where conference attendees can discuss topics of mutual interest. The conference provides meeting room facilities and posts daily schedules for BOFs. BOFs are open to all conference attendees, including exhibitors and exhibits-only badge holders.

Proposals must include a descriptive abstract (150 words, max.), contact information for the organizer, a short description of issues to be addressed and the intended audience, the expected number of participants, any equipment requirements, and time preferences. Time slots are made available on a first-come-first-served basis.

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SC99's education program provides an opportunity for educators and school administrators to explore key issues in the use of networking and computing technology for education, particularly at K-12 levels. How should the technology curriculum be kept current with evolving technology? Should emphasis be placed on how new technological resources can be developed, or on technology as a tool to accomplish other tasks? What strategies can be developed to attract more students to technology, especially students from underrepresented groups?

Activities range from group discussions to presentations on the latest technological developments and hands-on workshops for effectively exploiting technology. SC99 Research Exhibitors will be showing their educational outreach programs, as well.

The SC99 education program will be developed with the assistance of volunteers from universities, government, and industry. Specific opportunities are described on the Web. Potential participants and collaborators should check the site frequently to stay abreast of new opportunities.

Opportunities for collaboration: www.sc99.org/education

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Student volunteers have always been a big part of the SCing conference. Undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to see and discuss the latest high performance networking and computing technology and meet leading researchers from around the world, while contributing to the success of this annual event. Meals (and lodging for non-local students) are provided for volunteers, who receive all the benefits of conference registration, as well as paid membership in their choice of ACM or IEEE Computer Society. Volunteers must be registered students and have the approval of their advisors.

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